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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Joseph L. Kim et al.
Examiner : Marianne P. Allen, Ph.D.
Group : 1647
Application No.: 09/303,216 Confirmation No.: 8037
Filed : April 30, 1999
For : CRYSTALS OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS HELICASE OR
FRAGMENTS THEREOF COMPRISING A HELICASE
BINDING POCKET

New York, New York
June 30, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the December 30, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application. This Response is filed concurrently with a Petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to that action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), together with the requisite extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). With this extension of time, a response is due on or before June 30, 2006. Thus, this Response is timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

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